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C O N F I D E T I A L BELGRADE 3795

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: YO  
SUBJ: TITO'S ACTIVITIES

REF: A) BELGRADE 3575 B) BELGRADE 3594

1. FOLLOWING POSTPONEMENT OF GIEREK'S VISIT (REF A), TITO, WHO HAS REMAINED AT BRIONI, PARTICIPATED IN THREE ACTIVITIES WHICH RECEIVED PRESS COVERAGE: MAY 14 HE WAS BRIEFED BY MINIC ON LATTER'S ASIAN TRIP AND ON FORTHCOMING NACB AND SSOD MEETINGS; MAY 15 HE CHAIRED MEETING OF FEDERAL PRESIDENCY WHICH "ELECTED" FADILJ HODJA AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ONE-YEAR TERM (SEPTEL); MAY 16 HE RECEIVED "NEWLY-ELECTED" FONSEC VRHOVEC PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR HAVANA AND NEW YORK.

2. POLISH EMBOFF, SOURCE OF INFORMATION IN REF A, SUBSEQUENTLY SAID THAT WHILE IN WARSAW GRICKOV TOLD POLISH LEADERS THAT TITO INDEED HAD LUMBAGO.

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3. YUGOSLAVS, HOWEVER, ARE DENYING THAT TITO IS ILL. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TOLD EMBOFF THAT PRESS OF LOCAL BUSINESS WAS REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT. WHEN QUESTION OF HEALTH WAS RAISED DURING MAY 10 FSFA PRESS CONFERENCE IN CONNECTION WITH POSTPONEMENTS OF BOTH GIEREK AND ZIAUR RAHMAN VISITS, SPOKESMAN KALEZIC

RESPONDED THAT "TITO IS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL" AND IS PERFORMING HIS USUAL ACTIVITIES.

4. PRECISE REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT IS STILL NOT CLEAR, BUT SPECULATION IS RIFE. IN DISCUSSING POSTPONEMENT POLISH EMBOFF SAID THAT TITO "SURELY, CONSIDERING HIS AGE HAS MORE" (THAN LUMBAGO), AND POLE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY FORM OF SENILITY DURING WHICH AFFLICTED WILL SUDDENLY LAPSE INTO STATE OF FORGETFULNESS. HE CLAIMED THAT TITO CAME DOWN WITH IT BOTH DURING HIS TRIP LAST YEAR TO PORTUGAL, WHICH FORCED HIM TO CUT SHORT (BUT NOT ELIMINATE) HIS STOPOVER IN ALGERIA, AND ALSO BRIEFLY DURING RECENT VISIT TO BRIONI BY JORDANIAN KING HUSSEIN. (NOTE: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH DEVELOPMENT DURING HUSSEIN'S VISIT. HOWEVER, TITO WAS HORS DE COMBAT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM FRANCE/PORTUGAL/ALGIERS.)

5. ON THE OTHER HAND, ANOTHER EMBOFF WAS TOLD CATEGORICALLY BY CZECH DIP THAT "IMPORTANT POLITICAL PROBLEMS REGARDING THE CONGRESSES" FORCED YUGOSLAVS TO ASK FOR POSTPONEMENT. RELATED SUGGESTION, THIS FROM A SOVIET EMBOFF, IS THAT TITO IS PREOCCUPIED SPECIFICALLY WITH HIS REPORT FOR THE LCY CONGRESS.

6. OFTEN IN PAST WHEN TITO'S PHYSICIANS PLACED HIM CONFIDENTIAL

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OR RECUPERATIVE REGIME, GOY ISSUED ANNOUNCEMENT TO THAT EFFECT. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

7. IF THERE IS ANY INFERENCE TO BE DRAWN FROM THIS ASSORTMENT OF SIGNALS IT IS, IT SEEMS TO US, THAT NO INFERENCE SHOULD BE DRAWN ABOUT THE STATE OF TITO'S HEALTH. EAGLEBURGER

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